

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, and 21 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the amendments, the remarks below, and the telephone interview of September 10, 2003.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Fields and Examiner Nguyen for holding a telephone interview with their representative, Janaki K. Davda, on Wednesday, September 10, 2003, at 3:00 p.m. (EST). During the telephone interview, proposed amendments to claim 1 were discussed in light of the Takasu patent and Applicant's Specification. Applicant would like to thank Examiner Fields and Examiner Nguyen for an indication that the proposed claim amendments tentatively overcome the cited art.

The Office Action indicates that the drawings filed on June 5, 2000 have been accepted.

Applicant has amended the Specification to correct minor errors and to place the Specification in better form. No new matter has been added.

In paragraph 3, the Office Action rejects claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takasu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,441,836) in view of Applicant admitted prior art. Applicant traverses these rejections for the following reasons.

Amended claim 1 describes retrieving one or more records matching a search criteria, wherein each record includes at least one field of data. When the field of data includes a separator indicating that there are multiple values for the field, a first portion of the field of data and a graphical element indicating that there is a second portion of the field of data are displayed in a page and the page is enabled to selectively present the first and second portions of the field of data in response to user input. For example, the Specification at page 7, lines 19-28 describes that when a separator indicates multiple values for a field, the first value before the separator is

encoded into the display box along with an information symbol that denotes there is further information for the field.

The Takasu patent describes displaying data together with an icon representing contents of the data, and the icon is used so that the data can be displayed to allow the user to recognize the contents at a glance. (Col. 1, lines 37-46). The Takasu patent stores keywords corresponding to icon data, and, when input data is received, a keyword in the input data is used to retrieve an icon associated with the keyword, and the icon is displayed with the input data. (Col. 13, lines 35-54) That is, the Takasu patent describes data in its input form as well as *an icon that represents the same data*. The icon of the Takasu patent does not disclose additional data for a field in which a separator indicates that there are multiple values for the field.

Applicant's Specification on page 1, lines 13-14, describes that one use of hover text is to display information on a control button or icon, such as shown in Applicant's Figure 1. Also, Applicant's Specification on page 1, lines 17-21, describes that another use of hover text is to crop content to fit into a display area and then provide the entire content of the display area in a hover text box. Applicant's Specification on page 2, lines 2-6, describes that if the title of a button extends beyond the width of the button, then the application title is truncated to fit the button, and, if the user passes a graphical pointer over the displayed button, the entire title is displayed in hover text. None of these prior art uses of hover text teach or suggest retrieving one or more records matching a search criteria, wherein each record includes at least one field of data, and, when the field of data includes a separator indicating that there are multiple values for the field, displaying a first portion of the field of data and a graphical element indicating that there is a second portion of the field of data.

Therefore, neither the Takasu patent nor Applicant's description of related art in Applicant's Specification, either alone or in combination, teach or suggest the subject matter of claim 1.

Independent claims 9 and 17 are not taught or suggested by the Takasu patent or Applicant's description of related art in Applicant's Specification, either alone or in combination, for at least the same reasons as were discussed with respect to claim 1.

Dependent claims 2-8, 10-16, and 18-24 incorporate the language of independent claims 1, 9, or 17, respectively, and add additional novel elements. Therefore, dependent claims 2-8, 10-16, and 18-24 are not taught or suggested by the Takasu patent or Applicant's description of related art in Applicant's Specification, either alone or in combination, for at least the same reasons as were discussed with respect to claims 1, 9, and 17.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims 1-24 are patentable over the art of record. Applicant has not added any claims. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0460.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact her at (310) 553-7973 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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